Inclusion of Govari Community in ST list

†4619. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not including 'Govari' Community of Maharashtra in the category of Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether any request has been received from the State Government for inclusion of Govari Community in the category of Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the response of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) and (b) The Government of Maharashtra have not recommended the inclusion of the Govari Community in the list of Scheduled Tribes of that State, which is a pre-requisite for consideration by the Government of India. Their earlier recommendations of 1979 was withdrawn in 1981.

(c) Does not arise.

Nomadic Tribes

†4620. SHRI ISAM SINGH : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the population of nomadic tribes in India alongwith the number of such tribes;

(b) the criteria fixed by Government to give them the status of Indian citizens; and

(c) whether Government would formulate any scheme so that these tribes get a permanent domicile certificate and also to ensure that these tribes do not fall outside the category of Indian citizenship?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) : (a) The pupulation data is available only in respect of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The nomadic "tribes" have been categorized as Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Tribes, etc. based on their socio-economic condition in the respective States/UTs.

(b) and (c) Under Section (3) of the Citizenship Act, 1955 a person born in India on or after the commencement of the Constitution on 26th January,

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